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## THE NEED OF CHRISTIAN EFFORT.

More than eighteen hundred years have passed away since the Savior of the world, standing by his disciples and looking out over the broad fields of humanity waving white with the ripened grain, ready to be gathered for the Master's use, said: "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few." During these eighteen centuries the condition of human society has very materially changed, but its needs now are the same as they were then. It is still true that the harvest is great and the laborers few. During these years the Gospel has been proclaimed in many lands, and the laborers have been multiplied many fold, but the field too has enlarged, and the call of the Master is as urgent now as it was when Jesus was here on earth and spoke the words above quoted. These calls come from all over the world. Civilization has opened the doors of heathendom and the church is made to hear the call of perishing millions from every land on the face of the earth. The harvest has grown as rapidly as the number of laborers and perhaps more so. The calls are as numerous and as pressing, the need as urgent, as at any time since the beginning of the Christian era. There are millions of believers in the true God now for the thousands in the early days of Christianity, and the proportion of godly effort has been correspondingly enlarged. But the harvest too has enlarged, and a glance at the field will convince the most sceptical of the great need of laborers to gather the ripened harvest. Again, human needs are the same to-day as they were eighteen hundred years ago. The Master has not changed nor has his truth; the world's sin needs the same remedy as it did then. The Christ of God, Jesus of Nazareth, is the Savior of the world now and will be until lost humanity is brought home to the Father's house. May the church realize her responsibility in making known this Jesus, the world's need and Savior.

## TRIP TO DAYTON.

In response to a call from Brother Tombaugh we left home early Saturday morning for Dayton. We found him busy at work in the city. Very little has been said concerning the work now in progress in Dayton. Brother Tombaugh, as is well known, is one of those quiet workers who make very little noise but do an amazing amount of work. Thus has the work been going on in Dayton, scattered members have been gathered together, new ones have been added until now there is a membership of from fifty to sixty. About a month ago Brother Tombaugh began a series of meetings in the city and continued uninterruptedly until Monday night last when they were brought to a close. The interest continued throughout the entire meeting. As a result, eight have been added by confession and baptism and one by relation. This however is not even the visible result of the meeting. The membership is greatly revived and united in their efforts. An excellent feeling prevails, the brethren and sisters are much encouraged and the prospects for the Brethren church in the city of Dayton are, in our judgment, very flattering. Brother Tombaugh has promised to give the readers of the EVANGELIST a full report of his work in this city, the prospects, etc. We shall then have more to say about it. For the present suffice it to say that "Dunker" sentiment in and about Dayton is strong and with the proper effort and encouragement a good congregation can be built up here. While in the city we enjoyed the hospitality of Brother Hill's family. They have our thanks for their kindness.

On Saturday afternoon, in company with Brother Tombaugh, we went to Miamisburg, thence four miles to the country to fill his appointment Saturday evening and Sabbath morning. Here we found a band of very faithful workers, earnest, zealous in every good work. We visited at the homes of sisters Sellers, Fox, McCabe and brethren Buechler and Early, all of whom showed us great kindness. They have our thanks. Sabbath evening we preached in the Bear Creek congregation, another of Brother Tombaugh's regular appointments. Brethren Murr, Kimmel and the Beeghly sisters will accept our thanks for their cordiality. This was the first time we had the privilege of meeting these people and we greatly enjoyed our sojourn with them, as indeed one can not fail to do. Among the many commendable traits or characteristics of the people whom

Brother Tombaugh serves, must be mentioned their very close attachment to their pastor. In some way or another the affections of pastor and people have so grown into each other that it is painful, even to talk about separation. The secret of it is that Brother Tombaugh has proven himself worthy of the esteem in which he is held by his people, while they have given every manifestation of their appreciation of the service he gives them. It is in every sense a mutual relation, the feelings of people seem to be the feelings of pastor also, the sympathy of one the sympathy of the other. They rejoice with one another in their work, and when the occasion calls for it weep with each other in their sorrows. A pastor worthy of his people, a people worthy of their pastor, the Lord bless them both and keep them. We returned home Monday night and are now busy at work as ever.

## Personal Mention.

Four more confessions reported by Brother McFaden in the Chicago mission.

Brother Hall of Harrisonburg, Va has accepted a call from the Brethren church at Vinco, Pa. and will take charge April 1.

Brother J. L. Kimmel has been engaged as pastor the coming year, of the Louisville, Middlebranch and North Georgetown congregations.

In number ten, current volume, brother Edgar Thomas, Twelve Mile, Ind., was made to say "multitudes of," when he really said, "multiplied."

The meeting at Elkhart by brother L. O. Hubbard closed with six accessions. The church is much revived, and good interest continued throughout the meeting.

In a brief note from Brother McFaden he informs us that the meeting at Nappanee, resulted in seventeen accessions. A full report of the meeting is promised.

In renewing his subscription brother Samuel Fitz, Astoria, Ill., says "The EVANGELIST is the only preacher we have here at this place and we cannot do without it."

Brother Koontz says the good work is still going on. On Thursday, 25, he baptized four more, three young ladies and one young man. There is a perpetual revival in Conemaugh, Pa.

Sister Clara Flora travels 1000 miles every month to fill her regular appointments, and preaches eight sermons besides extra sermons for other denominations. Who said women are not strong enough physically to preach the Gospel?

Under date of March 26, Brother Furry writes from Goshen, Ind.: "Revival services still in progress here. Twenty-four conversions to date; all will unite with us. Our membership is nearly fifty. Large crowds and enthusiasm. Two confessions last night, four the night before. Some heads of families." Later: Twenty-seven confessions.

Last week brother R. R. Teeter meant to tell the readers of the EVANGELIST that during the last